

Embassy of the
United States of America

Nassau, The Bahamas

A Quick Guide to U.S. Non-Immigrant Visas

How do you apply for a U.S. visa?

How do you renew?



<http://nassau.usembassy.gov>

How do you apply for a U.S. visa? 4 SIMPLE STEPS

Step 1: Complete the DS-160 Visa Application

- The Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, DS-160, can be completed online at <http://ceac.state.gov/geniv>. After you have submitted the application, print the confirmation (barcode) number page and bring it with you for your interview.

Step 2: Schedule Your Visa Interview

- Visit <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bh> to create an account that will allow you to pay your visa application fee (\$160). Payments can be made at various Cash N'Go locations or online by credit card. **For Cash N'Go payments**, wait 2 business days before scheduling your visa interview online. **For credit card payments**, you will receive direct access to the appointment calendar. Call 1-800-883-7421 if you require assistance. **Please print proof of payment and bring it with you for your interview.**

Step 3: Gather Your Documents

- Assemble the documentation that you believe will support your application for a U.S. visa, including your passport or certificate of identity. A checklist of documents is located on our website at <http://nassau.usembassy.gov>.

Step 4: The Interview

- Bring the DS-160 confirmation page along with your valid passport (6-months validity), 2 passport photos (within 6 months), proof of payment and supporting documents to your scheduled interview at the Embassy.

U.S. VISA RENEWALS

Have you had a B1/B2 visa before?

Are you eligible for special exemption?

Read the following statements:

1. I am the holder of a Bahamian passport with at least six months validity.
2. I am renewing a visa that was or is a full validity 10 year B1/B2 visa.
3. My current visa is still valid, or its expiration date was within the last 12 months.
4. I have never had a passport lost or stolen.
5. I have always been eligible for a visa under U.S. law.
6. I have never required administrative processing when applying for a visa.

If **ALL** of the above statements apply to you, you are eligible for special exemption!

NOTE: Your Biometric Fingerprint Data Will Need to be Collected at the U.S. Embassy.

Applicants who meet **ALL** of the above requirements may schedule an appointment at the Consular Section for the purposes of submitting their required visa documentation and having their fingerprints taken.

Applicants qualifying under this special exemption are not required to attend an interview.

To schedule a special visa renewal appointment, please log onto <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bh> and follow the instructions.

ALL questions must be answered accurately.





Under age 14 or over 80?

Send Your Application by Mail!

Applicants under 14 or over 80 years of age may be qualified to apply without appearing in person at the Embassy. Ask yourself the following 3 questions:

1. Are you under 14 or over 80 years of age?
2. Are you applying for a B1/B2 visa?
3. Are you a Bahamian or Turks and Caicos National currently residing in either location?

If you answered **YES** to **ALL** of the above questions, you are eligible to apply by mail!

Any applicant under 14 or over 80 applying for a visa who meets the above requirements may log onto <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bs>.

ALL questions must be answered accurately.

Please pay the MRV fee and complete the process to send in your application package via courier at no additional charge. Additional documents are required. For more details, please visit <http://nassau.usembassy.gov/childrenvisa.html>.

Important Courier Note - Applicants resident in The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands but living on islands other than New Providence or Grand Bahama must make their own arrangements for the delivery of the application package to the Embassy via courier. Please include a pre-paid self-addressed envelope in the package for the return of documents.

Note: Third Country Nationals (citizens not from The Bahamas or Turks and Caicos) under 14 who do not fall under this criteria should have their parents apply for them in person, however the child(ren) are not required to be present for the interview.

FAQs

Q: Can I use a valid visa in an expired passport?

A: Yes, as long as you present it at the port of entry along with a valid travel document.

Q: How long does the visa processing take?

A: For Nassau and Freeport residents, the standard processing time for visas is 3-5 business days.

Q: How can I make an appointment for a visa?

A: To make an appointment for a visa, please visit <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bs>. For assistance from a Call Center Agent, please call 1-800-883-7421 (toll free).

Q: How long is the wait time to obtain a visa?

A: Visa wait times can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/wait-times.html>.

Q: How long does the passport have to be valid in order to apply for a visa?

A: Passports must have at least 6 months validity.

Q: What are the hours of operation?

A: Visa application hours are by appointment only. The Visa Services Unit is open Mon. - Fri. (except holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Q: How much is the visa application?

A: For most visa applications, the visa application fee is \$160. For more information, please visit <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bs/niv/information/fee>.

Q: Can someone apply for a visa if their current visa is about to expire?

A: You may apply for a visa at any time before or after your current visa expires.

Q: What documents do I need to bring to the Embassy in order to apply for a visa?

A: You must have a valid passport with at least six-month validity, a printed copy of your DS-160 confirmation page and 2 passport photos taken within the last six months. A list of supporting documents can be found on our Embassy website at <http://nassau.usembassy.gov/documents/required.html>.

General Consular Section Information



Questions?

- Please visit our Embassy website at:

<http://nassau.usembassy.gov>

- For help making a visa appointment, call 1-800-833-7421 (toll free)

- For visa-related inquiries, please send an email to visanassau@state.gov. Every effort is made to reply to all e-mails within 2 business days.

Our Location:

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located at 42 Queen Street in downtown Nassau, just off Marlborough Street.

Thank you for your interest in visiting the U.S.

